Zoologist / Wildlife Biologist

**Job Description:** Study the origins, behavior, diseases, genetics, and life processes of animals and wildlife.

**What does a Zoologist or Wildlife Biologist do?**

* Study animals in their natural habitats, assessing effects of environment and industry on animals, interpreting findings and recommending alternative operating conditions for industry.
* Analyze characteristics of animals to identify and classify them.
* Design physically and mentally stimulating habitats for zoo animals.
* Track whales, turtles, geese, and other animals during their migrations to monitor population sizes.
* Educate park and zoo visitors about wildlife.
* Coordinate preventative programs to control the outbreak of wildlife diseases.
* Inventory or estimate animal populations.
* Study characteristics of animals such as relationships, classification, life histories, development and genetics.

**Outlook: Green**

Average Salary - $27.16 hourly, $56,500 annual

Projected Job Openings – 8,800 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you have a love of nature and being outdoors?
* Are you good at observing and then reporting what you see?
* Can you clearly communicate your ideas to others?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor’s Degree in a natural sciences field such as Zoology, Ecology, Biology, Wildlife Science, or Wildlife Biology is the minimum requirement for an entry level position.
* Master’s Degree can be an advantage for high competition jobs.
* PhD for most university based positions.